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In re Application of:)	
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Serial No. 10/795,786)	Art Unit: 2652
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Filing Date: March 8, 2004)	
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For: MAGNETIC HEAD INCLUDING A GAP-)	
DEPTH DEFINING LAYER ON)	
PROTRUDING LAYER AND METHOD)	
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME)	

STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on March 8, 2004, but has not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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